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May 24	Lodge Work Party
May 31	June Bulletin Deadline
June 4	Board Meeting

Note Early Potluck

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Camp Hamilton Summer Camp 2008 Sign up now!

Don't miss this opportunity to visit a great place. See Page 15 & 19

Late Breaking News

Car pooling fee raised to \$.09
See Page 2

Leaders Meet

By Paul Flashenberg

THE SUMMER TRIPS LEADERS Meeting was held at the Obsidian Lodge on Tuesday, April 29. Barb Revere, the Summer Trips Chairperson emceed. Barb started the meeting by explaining the different leaders' packets and suggested that all leaders read or review the summer trips guidelines.

Next up was Doug Nelson, the Safety Committee Chairman. Doug stressed the importance of good communication by the leader with all participants on a trip. The leader should also be familiar with everyone's abilities and expectations. He recommended that the leader appoint a co-leader and to keep the group together, especially at trail junctions or if anyone leaves the trail

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Trip leaders study their packets. Photo by John Jacobsen

President's Message:

The Next Step

THE MOUNTAINS ARE CALLING! The climb schedule is posted on the web site and many Obsidians are looking forward to a new climbing season. Graduates of the 2008 Climb School are anticipating the upcoming graduation climbs on Diamond Peak and Mt. Thielsen. Some of the 18 graduates may apply for membership in the Obsidians after their first qualifying climb while others may take the skills they learned and begin climbing the mountains on their own.

The mountains have been calling me most of my life. The Three Sisters especially attracted me since they were visible from the valley and so prominent from various locations in Central Oregon. I had always intended to climb them and after my 50th birthday, I decided to get serious about it. So, I started climbing with the Obsidians. Joining a club wasn't part of

my original plan, but I found that I enjoyed being around the people I climbed with and being part of a larger community of like-minded individuals.

After joining the Obsidians, the next step for me was to begin leading climbs. It was a way for me to give something back. Leading climbs (or hikes and snow trips for that matter) not only is a contribution to the club, but also the preparation and responsibilities associated with leading forces one to become more intimate with the mountain and to become a better climber.

So for all Obsidians, whether you are a climber, hiker, skier, snowshoer, or participate on the Obsidian bus trips, I encourage you to take the next step and lead a trip. If the task seems too daunting you might think about co-leading and sharing the responsibilities with another. I think you'll find that you get more out of the experience and you'll be proud of your contribution to the club.

- Brian Hamilton, Board President

What's Fair?

IS 7 CENTS A MILE a fair cost for car pooling? Gas was around \$2.60 a gallon when the Obsidian Board raised the fee from five cents to seven cents a mile beginning June 1, 2005. It's now over \$3.60 a gallon.

The Yodeler, the March newsletter for The Inter-Mountain Alpine Club in Richland, Washington, published an article about transportation

costs by their President, Mark Hoza. Here are a few of Hoza's statements: It is not easy to develop a simple policy, particularly if it also needs to be fair. Any rate, consistently applied, is inherently fair to all people who drive their share of the time. But the reality is that some people drive more, while others seldom drive. A survey of six outdoor clubs in the Northwest had transportation fees ranging from splitting the gas cost among the passengers, but not the driver, up to 13 cents per mile for each rider. The Board of the Inter-Mountain

Alpine Club voted to raise the transportation rate to 8 cents per mile.

Four mathematical formulas provided by Barb Revere, Brian Hamilton, Laurie Funkhouser, and Richard Essenberg to calculate costs were discussed at the May 7th Board Meeting. Based on different assumptions, the car pooling cost based on those formulas ranged

Late Breaking News

The Obsidian Board of Directors at their May 7th meeting, approved an increase in the shared car-pooling fee to \$.09/mile.

from 8 cents to 12 cents per mile.

The Obsidian club is tremendously appreciative of all members who offer to drive on our trips. If you would like to share your thoughts about car pooling costs, please send them to board@obsidians.org.

- Janet Jacobsen

Web Milestone

ABOUT A MONTH AGO we reached a milestone on our website, www.obsidians.org, as our counter, located at the bottom of the home page, turned over its 100,000th visitor. The counter was installed and started counting about June of 2000 and has been counting ever since.

I started fiddling with the idea of a club website in 1999. The idea was first broached to the Board in January 2000 and more specifics on a possible Obsidian web presence, email options and costs were discussed in February. In June 2000 the Board approved a motion that I arrange for server space and precede with implementation of a website as well as club email. The official announcement of the site was made in the October 2000 Bulletin... and the rest is history as they say.

Sometime in 2001 the Online Committee was created. Shortly after joining the club Wayne Deeter joined me on the Online Committee in about September or October of 2001 and has been involved ever since, taking over chairmanship of the Online Committee in 2004.

- John Jacobsen

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Remembering, Books and Paintings

Phyllis Stalsberg Gaffney wrote me that she copied the whole April *Bulletin* to read the article about her parents, Cliff and Hazel Stalsberg. She shared this memory: "I was a tiny girl and went with Mom and Dad on lots of Obsidian trips.... I remember climbing Broken Top and the plane came over, dropping ice cream to all of us. The container went over into the glacier and I remember grabbing my little brother Chuck, who was slipping over on the red cinder.... that ended my climbing career. My palms perspire recalling what was a special surprise turning into near disaster."

Bob Foster called with a book recommendation: *Together on Top of the World: The Remarkable Story of the First Couple to Climb the Fabled Seven Summits* by Phil and Susan Ershler. If one is interested in another "couple" odyssey, I suggest *Miles From Nowhere, A Round-The-World Bicycle Adventure* by Barbara Savage, a 1983 classic.

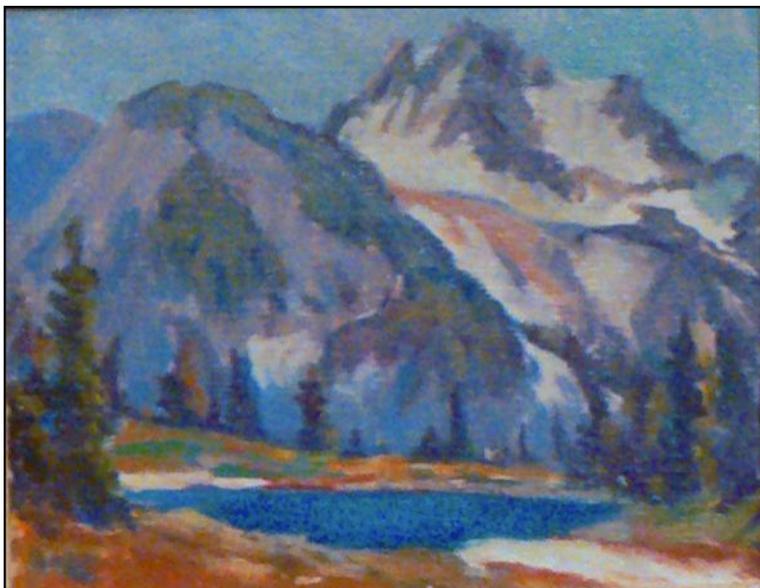
Obsidian **Shirley Froyd** is one of the six 2008 Honorees for the "Older American Active in the Arts." The Lane Coalition of Senior Programs is hosting the award presentation and the 2008 Honoree Poster unveiling at the Willamalane Adult Activity Center Thursday, May 29 from 4-6 p.m. To attend, call their reservation line, 682-4520.

Shirley Froyd's watercolor painting, *McKenzie River*, is in the Scherer Room at the lodge. Shirley was a child when she took a class at the Chicago Art Institute. She received an MBA in Commercial Aviation at USC and then earned her living as a flight and ground school instructor at airports and colleges. She also completed an MA in Fine Arts at Cal State. She is a member of the Watercolor Society of Oregon.

Outdoor activities strengthened her interest in nature and wildlife. It is not surprising that Shirley has been an Obsidian member since 1982 and has gone on 167 trips and led 50 trips. She has been a greeter at the potlucks for many years. She is one of the Friends

ence, an avid hiker, became a member and a Princess. Historian Lenore McManigal cannot find any records that Cy Fulton joined the club. They continued to attend summer camps so that Florence could hike and Cy could paint.

Some quotes from his *Register-Guard* August 1949 obituary tell more about Fulton: "Self taught artist, Cyrus J. Fulton (1873-1949) owned or operated a men's clothing store in Eugene from 1914-1935. He retired to devote himself to painting and capturing Oregon landscapes. On many a trip to mountain or seashore, he was the happy companion of the Obsidians. For many people his paintings are a record of places seen and experienced by all who love this country well."



Cy Fulton painting incorrectly labeled in Scherer Room

of Buford Park Monday Morning Regulars who help tear out invasive plants. "Active" is certainly a top-quality word to describe Shirley.

In the April *Bulletin*, I mentioned that **Larry Brink** is working on an article about **Cy Fulton**, a local painter in the 1930's and 1940's whose wife Florence was active with the Obsidians. Larry found that the oil painting in the Scherer Room at the lodge is labeled incorrectly. Cy painted it, rather than Paul Weiser, who was Obsidian president in 1946. Fulton attended the 1946 Weiser Summer Camp at Jefferson Park, Russell Lake/Breitenbush. He probably gave the painting to Paul. Larry Brink who has been researching Cy Fulton for the past ten years said, "The oil sketch was one of many sketches that Fulton would make at camp. Fulton would then paint on a larger canvas back at this studio." Brink said that Cy met his wife Florence at the 1930 summer camp. Flor-

In October 22, 1949, the Obsidians assisted Florence with an exhibition of

100 Fulton paintings at Veterans Memorial Building. Titles displayed included Mt. Pisgah, Mt. Jefferson, A Scene in the Willamette, Eagle Cap, Near the Summit, John Henry Lake, Diamond Lake and Mt. Bailey, and The Mountain Climbers. The Obsidians have another Fulton painting, of the Lewis Cabin, hanging near the lodge entryway. Larry Brink said, "According to the Fulton records, there were two additional paintings donated to the Obsidians in 1949. One was an oil sketch and the other was of Obsidian climbers on Collier Glacier." The Obsidians did not have a lodge in 1949 and somehow those paintings are missing.

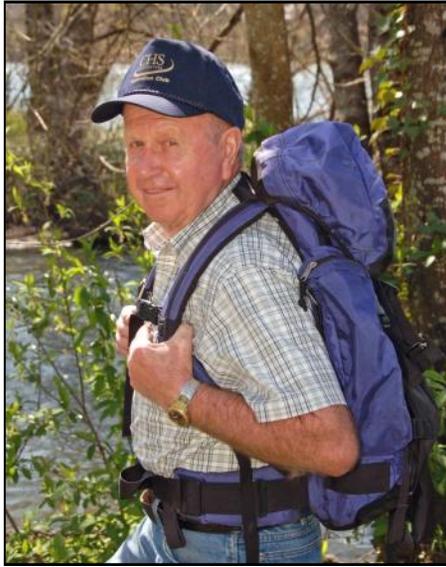
I have talked with several people who have inherited Fulton paintings. Mary Ellen West has a painting of the Jefferson summer camp that includes the packhorses. Brink mentioned that Mt. Jefferson was one of Fulton's favorite subjects

A Real Life Saver!

By Chris Stockdale - Photo by Oscar Palmquist

CONGRATULATIONS TO **OBSIDIAN IVAN VANDEBERG** for giving his 100th pint of blood to Lane Memorial Blood Bank. This noteworthy occasion happened on March 24. As you can donate whole blood no more than 6 times a year, it doesn't take mathematical brilliance to figure out just how long Ivan has been rolling up his sleeve! Since each unit of blood is broken into different components that can be used to help different patients, Ivan has helped hundreds of people battle life-threatening medical problems.

Ivan is not the only Obsidian who makes donating blood a part of his or her life. Others seen gracing the collection center on Willamette Street include, but is not limited to the following: Peter Asai, Mari Baldwin, Barb Bruns, Rob Castleberry, Lynda Christiansen, Chris Cunningham, Don Doerr, Sharon & Jim Duncan, Paul Flashenberg, Jim & Kathleen Floyd, Laurie Funkhouser, Chris Gordon, Gloria Gunderson, Ken & Beth Kodama, Sam Miller, Colleen & Greg Milliman, Bill Montgomery, Pete Peterson, Jim Pierce, Maryanne Reiter, Beki Ries-Montgomery, Sharon Ritchie,



Guy Strahon, Dave Strutin, Sue Sullivan, Charlie Van Deusen, Elle Weaver, Sue Wolling and others. [I apologize to anyone I've left out] These people know that giving blood is a quick and easy thing to do, and is truly a lifesaving act. And other Obsidians, notably Richard Hughes last year, have experienced first-hand those lifesaving qualities of blood transfusions. Richard needed at least 12 units of blood to help him survive after suffering critical injuries when he fell off a ladder.

I encourage anybody else who is eligible to give blood to take the time soon to donate. To be eligible you must be in good general health, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be at least 16 years old. Travel to other countries may

affect your eligibility. The blood bank is located right next to the Civic Stadium at 2211 Willamette Street, and appointments are encouraged. Just call 484-9111 to schedule a time to come, or to ask questions if you're not sure of your eligibility.

The patients in our local hospitals who are waiting for blood transfusions will thank you!

LEADERS MEET

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for a bathroom break. There should also be a designated sweep. In the event of problems, an incident report should be filed. An incident report should also be filed for situations that are deemed a near miss.

Bill Sullivan followed with a brief discussion of maps and routes. He recommended that the leader have a topographical map, in the event someone wanders off the trail. He also said that if anyone finds any discrepancy with the trail from the description in his book, that he be e-mailed and the person would be rewarded with a free book. He also highly recommended that the leader have information to share about plants or the history of the area.

Stewart Hoeg next spoke about bicycle safety. The summer schedule now includes over 25 bicycle trips. Of prime importance is a properly fitting helmet. It should be replaced about every 5 years or so, or immediately if you land on it. He recommended that you either have a rear view mirror on your sunglasses, which should always be worn, or on your helmet or bike. Bicyclists should adhere to the same rules as vehicles and be especially aware of bad roads that are wet, have piles of leaves or pot holes. Bicyclists should use bike lanes, if available, and have a local bicycling map that shows all streets with bike lanes. If riding at night, bikers should have lights in front and in back plus reflectors. If riding in groups, it

is important to keep appropriate spacing between bicycles.

Janet Jacobsen spoke about the sign up sheet. The trip description should be written for those unfamiliar and provide details, such as expected duration. It is also a good idea to read the description to the group at the trailhead. She emphasized being gracious with phone callers, especially with those who have to drive a long distance to the YMCA to sign up. Janet provided several ways to deal with this situation, such as having them call back the night before the trip or taking their phone number and calling them, if there was still room. It is important to make sure that non-members feel welcome. Several others added that it was essential to obtain a signature on the sign up sheet and that the name be legible.

THE LAST SPEAKER was Obsidian President, Brian Hamilton. He spoke about assessing a total stranger's readiness for the trip. Factors to be considered are the difficulty of the trip, whether the person has the proper equipment, including footwear and clothing as well as sufficient water and food. The leader should inquire whether there are any medical conditions that he/she should be aware of. He also suggested that the leader check the weather forecast the day before.

The passenger carpool fee issue was raised and a per mile increase is being considered, especially if the price of gas continues to rise.

The meeting ended with a raffle, where many lucky Obsidians won prizes, such as books, hats, T-shirts and mugs.

It's Gonna Be a Beauty

By John Jacobsen



Scott and Dallas discuss the details and tryout some tile samples.

Thank You, Thank You

THANK YOU to the following who have donated generously so far to help give this beautiful piece of art to the club: \$250 or more - Jim & Sharon Duncan, John & Janet Jacobsen; \$100 - \$249 - Lola Morey, Vi Johnson; up to \$99 - Norm Benton, Louise Behnke, Richard Hienzkill . Again, thank you.



Vera, Dallas and Scott look over Vera's donated geodes.

DALLAS COLE DROPPED BY the Lodge a week or so ago to get some details from our retaining wall in front of the Lodge to help her in creating our relief mural. Also on hand was Scott Wylie, the artistic mason who will do the mural installation, Vera Woolley came by with several of her geodes that she is donating for Dallas to incorporate into the ceramic mural. Dallas tells me that several other members have donated special rocks which she will find special places for. It looks like things are still on track for installation in late summer or early fall.

Note: In case you missed it, see the October 2007 Bulletin to read our front page announcement of this grand project - the December and March 2008 Bulletins have updates.



Dallas with mural sketch.

Your Chance To Help Out

WE CURRENTLY HAVE COLLECTED about \$900 toward our goal of \$4500. If you would like to help provide this incredible ceramic mural as a gift to the club, your donations are needed and would be most welcome. All donations will go to pay for the materials and installation labor costs—Dallas is donating her professional skills and artistry. If you would like to contribute to this wonderful addition to the Obsidian Lodge's art scene, please contact John Jacobsen at:

(514) 343-8030 or johnwjacobsen@comcast.net.

Or send a donation check made out to John Jacobsen to: John Jacobsen, 1590 East 43rd Avenue, Eugene, OR 97405

BOARD NOTES

May 7, 2008

By Laurie Funkhouser, Secretary

Vice-President Jim Duncan called the meeting to order. The following members of the Board were present: Stewart Hoeg, Laurie Funkhouser, Wayne Deeter, Marshall Kandell, Anne McLucas, Jim Pierce and Barb Revere. Other members present were Kathleen Floyd, Julie Dorland, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Joella Ewing, Lenore McManigal, Scott Hovis, and Larry Huff.

The approval of the minutes of the April Board Meeting was postponed.

Treasurer's Report: Board approval for payment of the bills.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Membership Survey: Ed Lichtenstein will be meeting with Stewart Hoeg, John Jacobsen and Jim Duncan in mid-May to begin the process. Julie Dorland asked to be included in the process.

B. Nominating Committee: Janet Jacobsen informed the Board that the Committee met on the 1st of May at the Lodge to discuss and plan for the process of selecting the nominees for the three board positions. They hope to present the three nominees at the June board meeting. Committee members were Janet Jacobsen, Brian Hamilton, Kathleen Floyd, Julie Dorland, Jim Pierce, Laurie Funkhouser, and Barb Revere. Based on discussions, the Committee should also be able to provide names of potential individuals for committee chairs.

C. Restriction Consideration: The committee will be meeting mid-May and will report at the next Board meeting.

D. New Member Orientation: Tabled until the next Board meeting. Anne McLucas will be connecting with Laurie Funkhouser and Kathleen Floyd to begin the process.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Car Pooling Rate Increase: Prior to the meeting, discussion through e-mail was begun regarding whether a rate increase for mileage expense should be implemented and, if so, what should be the new rate. A MOTION to increase the rate of mileage reimbursement was APPROVED by a vote of 6 support and 2 non-supporting votes. Discussion then

took place regarding the appropriate amount of the rate increase. Four proposals which circulated during e-mail were discussed. A MOTION to increase the mileage reimbursement rate to \$.10 was proposed with the consideration of altering the rate by \$.02 when there is a \$1.00 change in the cost of gas. The MOTION was AMENDED to increase the mileage reimbursement rate to \$.09 which PASSED unanimously. A MOTION to implement the increased mileage reimbursement rate effective June 1, 2008 was PASSED by the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Trips (Barb Revere): For the month of April, 18 trips have taken place with 120 members and 23 nonmembers for total fees of \$233.00.

Winter Trips (Jim Pierce): Five trips took place – three hikes and two x-country ski trips - with 39 members and 4 nonmembers participating and total fees of \$51. And the season is over despite the continuing snow!

Climbs (Larry Huff): Eighteen students participated in Climb School. The weather was fantastic for the three field days – a first! Total revenue was \$1,310.00 with \$617.50 going to Eugene Mountain Rescue. The schedule has 21 climbs with 9 leaders.

Trail Maintenance (Peter Green): Next trail maintenance will be on May 31st.

By-Ways-By-Bus (Liz Reanier): Lenore McManigal reported that two bus trips took place – Remember Camp Adair from WWII and North Umpqua River – Steamboat Inn. During May, two trips are scheduled.

Summer Camp (John Jacobsen): Plans continue to move forward for Camp Hamilton. Currently have approximately 50 registrants per week.

Extended Trips (Jim Duncan): The committee has approved a new extended trip – Camping and hiking to Mt. Lassen National Park from August 20 through 24th. This is the third extended trip this year.

Conservation (Juli McGlinsky): Reported via e-mail: The five members meet the second Monday of each month. Working with SciEd and Cascadia Wildlands Project to host a combined hike and presentation on Fire Ecology. Updating the con-

servation committee link on the Obsidian website.

Entertainment (Laurie Funkhouser): *Joys of Bicycling* in Japan presentation was enjoyed by 48 individuals; collecting \$41.00. Next potluck – member Dave Predeek presents *Backpacking North of the Arctic Circle*.

Science and Education (Joella Ewing): Forty-five people attended *Exploring the Himalayan Arc*; \$45 was collected. The next program on May 20th will be the Nature Conservancy discussing its worldwide mission and featuring slides of Lane county projects.

Membership (Julie Dorland): Current membership is 553. Four new member applicants APPROVED by the Board.

Concessions (Kathleen Floyd): A total of \$110.80 was received as revenue for the month with \$58.22 in expenditures plus \$70.47 miscellaneous items, i.e., prizes for the Trip Leaders Meeting.

Online (Wayne Deeter): A new link has been added for Extended Trips! The website continues to run smoothly.

Finance (Stewart Hoeg): An audit of Summer Trips, General Fund and By-Ways by Bus has been completed and no irregularities noted.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All on-line reports have been recorded.

Lodge Building (Brian Hamilton): A work party has been scheduled for May 24th from 9:00 to Noon.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): Gary Kirk, Effie Neth, Dave Predeek and John Jacobsen met on April 24th to spruce up things for the potluck.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

Olympic Trials (Marshall Kandell): A meeting was held in April. John Jacobsen presented an impressive database he developed for tracking and communicating with trip leaders and participants (including follow-up demographic analysis). Receiving continued good media exposure for our program. Although it would have been great to be able to report a lot of sign-ups, we haven't received any yet and it looks as though it might be a last-minute deal. Our next meeting will be on June 5th.



May Conservation Tip:

You Too Can Save a Tree

By Julie McGlinsky

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED how many trees are harvested in order to print the unsolicited catalogues and advertisements we all receive daily? At least once a week this thought haunts me while making my routine beeline from the mailbox to my recycling bin.

The Conservation Committee would like you to know some specific steps you can take to end your participation in this madness. As you may suspect, if not know, catalogue companies trade and sell mailing lists.

You can remove your home address from all lists at once by registering your name with the Direct Marketing Association's (DMA) Mail Preference Service (MPS). Send a written request, with your name, as it appears on all catalog labels, to The Direct Marketing Association, Mail Preference Service, P.O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008. The MPS should remain in effect for five years, or until you place an

order or request a catalog from a catalog company. After this step, to continue receiving mailings you want, notify that company directly (usually by a toll-free call). Then, ask them to note in your record that your name is not to be rented, sold, or traded to others. At the same time, you can encourage the company to print using recycled paper and to not use inserts or stickers that complicate the recycling process. For more information, call the DMA at 212-768-7277.

It is estimated that the average person receives 64 pounds of catalogues each year. If even a third of our members act on this tip we can create a combined decrease of roughly 7467 pounds (3.7 tons) of paper each year! How many trees would that save?

If you have a tip you would like to share with the Conservation Committee for future publication please send it to Julie McGlinsky: jmanddg@earthlink.net.

Where Have All the Records Gone

By Janet Jacobsen

RICHARD HEINZKILL, retired U of O librarian, sent me a list of the Obsidian records that are stored in the Special Collections at the University of Oregon Library. Lois Schreiner, Obsidian historian and a librarian at the U of O, made arrangements for the transfer of the Obsidian registers and other records to the U of O Library in the early 1970's. They include Obsidian minutes from 1927-1972, two scrapbooks from 1928-1946, 22 summit registers, and 9 volumes of trip reports from 1927-1969. A summit register is like a guest book with blank pages for climbers to sign and comment. The book was kept in an aluminum box bolted down at the summit.

I believe that originally the Mazamas with some help from Obsidians placed the boxes on Oregon mountains. Why were the registers removed and stored at the U of O Library? Wayne Deeter sent me this excerpt from the Board Notes, Sept 1973 *Bulletin*, probably written by Bob Medill. "Don told of the stealing of summit books on several of the peaks and also said that boxes that the books are kept



in on the summits were missing. One new one just placed on Thielsen was missing, The Board decided that no more books and boxes would be placed, but that leaders would carry small books to have climbers with the party sign. Mountains used to be climbed by mountain climbers. Now they are being climbed by the scum of society."

ON A RECENT BUS TRIP I talked with Don Payne and asked him if he was the Don in the board notes. He

said, "Yes. The climbers were just grabbing them." John McManigal commented, "I remember finding a pack of cigarettes in a summit box." In 1974, leaders began carrying the registers to the summit for climbers' signatures. In 2003, Sue Sullivan, climbs chair, purchased new summit registers. This was prompted when a climber accidentally dropped the Mt. McLoughlin book down a crack on the summit in 2002. It was gone forever. The retired registers are now kept in the lodge.

TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



Ski Trips

Arrowhead Lake

March 22, 2008

Leader: John Cooper

8 miles, 500 ft. (Difficult)

SEVEN SKIERS TOOK OFF from Gold Lake snow-park on a day when nature was at her best. There were sunny skies, warm temperatures, and abundant snow. We went by way of Bechtel Shelter Road on the way to Midnight Lake. Following fresh ski tracks that led us slightly astray, we connected with the PCT a bit to the left of the signed junction. A break was taken at Midnight Lake before we headed to Arrowhead. We followed the PCT all the way to the lake where we basked in the sun while having a leisurely lunch, then retraced our tracks back to the cars. Total time for the eight-mile ski was around five ½ hours. The congenial group of skiers included members Charlie Van Deusen, Chrissy Anderson, Laurie Funkhouser, Mari Baldwin, Mary Hamilton, Brian Hamilton and John Cooper, leader.

overhead, pursued by a screaming osprey. At a viewpoint near the base of the nest tree, we had an excellent view of the underside of the nest, but couldn't see its occupant. When we reached the east end of the summit, the ospreys were working at gathering sticks for their nest. We saw an osprey fly at a branch and fail to break it. When it returned to the nest with empty talons, there was much loud conversation with its mate. We walked westward on the wooded summit trail, which gives good views of the eagles' nest at nest level. An eagle was sitting low in the nest, appearing to incubate eggs. At the west end of the summit, we again watched the ospreys' domestic discourse. Rick Ahrens called our attention to the plunging aerial display of a male Anna's hummingbird.

Then we re-entered the woods and headed down the trail to our starting point. A sketch map of the butte showing trails and viewpoints for eagle and osprey nests is available from the trip leaders. Co-leaders were Margaret and Richard Essenberg; other members participating were Rick Ahrens, Brad Bennett, Jean Coberly, Walt Dolliver, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Janet Jacobsen, Barb Revere, Ruth Simon and Pat Soussan. Nonmembers included Sally Bennett, John Giles and Mary Lou Giles.

William Finley Refuge

March 30, 2008

Leader: Rick Ahrens

Photo: Barb Revere

4 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)



GOOD TRIP, GOOD GROUP, SAW BIRDS! (Editor's Note: over 30 species were observed.) Members: Rick Ahrens, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Pat Esch, George Jobanek, Kurt Koivu, Margaret Prentice, Barb Revere, Beth Roy and Pat Soussan.

Amazon Headwaters Trail

April 1, 2008

Janet Jacobsen

4 miles, 500 ft. (Easy)

THE BLUE SKIES and warm sun on the first day of April were a welcome contrast from cold and rainy March. Hundreds of trillium sweeping the slopes,



Hikes

Skinner Butte Bald Eagles' Nest

March 27, 2008

Leader: Margaret Essenberg

Photo: Janet Jacobsen

1 mile, 200 ft. (Easy)

FIFTEEN EAGLE-SEEKERS gathered on the north side of Skinner Butte on the only sunny morning in a cold and rainy week. From the Lamb Cottage we spotted the eagles' tree with its double top and nest at the fork. As we walked up the trail, the sun glittered on raindrops, and the woods were full of trillium and bird-song. We heard one eagle's descending, chattering call and then saw it flying



Eagle watching on Skinner Butte

fawn lilies almost unfurling, four calypso orchids peeking out, and other "we don't know" flowers" confirmed that the Amazon Headwaters trail is a treasure. Enjoying the day were members Joan Abel, Brad Bennett, Pat Esch, Janet Jacobsen, Jim Pierce and Ruth Romoser.

Spencer Butte

April 2, 2008

Jane Hackett

Photo: Jim Pierce

6 miles, 2,050 ft (Moderate)

THE WEATHER WAS PERFECT! The hundreds of trillium along the trail were stunning! On top of Spencer Butte we basked in the sun and ate our lunch. We tried out Brad Bennett's new binoculars for better views of the snowy mountain tops. On the way down we stopped for a photo by one of the new pole fences that encourage hikers to stay on the trail and to prevent erosion on well-worn short cuts. The Southeast Neighbors obtained a neighborhood matching grant and worked for several weekends on the fences. The round trip from Amazon Headwaters to Spencer Butte took four hours. Brad used his GPS to give us the correct mileage and elevation. Members: Brad Bennett, Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen, Jim Pierce, Bill Rodgers and Elle Weaver; nonmember: Sally Bennett.

Talking Stones

April 5, 2008

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

6 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

INTERMITTENT SHOWERS and colder weather were not what we expected for our interpretative walk with co-leader Rick Ahrens. He was an enthusiastic guide in our search for the Talking Stones in the Whilamut Natural Area of Alton Baker Park. The 11 stones were quarried from a basalt deposit in traditional Kalapuya territory and each is inscribed with a Kalapuya word and its English equivalent. Rick was able to pronounce the Kalapuya words and share information about the Kalapuya people, who numbered 15,000 at the time of Euro-American contact. He also pointed out birds, osprey nests, trees, plants, Stream Team and Nearby Nature projects, and led us on an obscure path around the Nearby Nature volunteer project to restore native plants and then on to Wildflower Hollow. It was a three-hour walk: we learned lots and were also glad we didn't have to take a test! Members: Joan

Abel, Rick Ahrens, Marianne Camp, Daniele Delaby, Julie Dorland, Margaret Essenberg, Richard Essenberg, Yuan Hopkins, Janet Jacobsen, Ginny Reich, Roger Reich and Barbara Sutherland; nonmember: Donald Burton.

Thurston & Mountain Gate

April 6, 2008

Leader: Barb Revere

4 miles, 400 ft. (Easy)

PAT SOUSSAN, JULIE DORLAND AND LOU MAENZ joined me in Thurston on a storm-threatened morning to walk "my neighborhood walk." From Bob Straub Parkway, we trudged up through a new housing development called Mountain Gate. Half the walk was through the "first phase," which had filled in fast with very large new houses. We viewed an interesting playground: the basketball backboards can be raised or lowered to fit. Plastic joints and curved pipes fashioned a sleek jungle gym. A mile through vacant wooded lots came next. Here Pat spotted two pileated woodpeckers in a cluster of big leaf maple. We got a really good look at them from about 30 feet but our scrutiny became too much and they flapped off, cackling like Woody Woodpecker. A small colony of trillium somehow escaped the bulldozers. A final mile through an older development brought us to my home and the shuttle van. The rain began as we arrived. Mostly, the morning was all about friends together: leisurely walk and boisterous talk. Thanks to three cheerful companions who took a chance on "my neighborhood walk."

McKenzie Ranger Station to Belknap Springs

April 8, 2008

Leader: Barb Revere

8 miles, 400 ft. (Moderate)

AFTER POSTPONING THIS TRIP ONCE DUE TO SNOW, we were determined to go today, wet or dry. We got mostly dry with an occasional burst of sunshine. The trail was quite sodden in places and we could see that the snow had only recently melted. We had to go over, under and around about a dozen downed trees that blocked the trail, but still made good time. A few trillium were up and just opening and we saw many patches of tiny purple snow queen. Most of us had a swim at the resort (before or after taking lunch) and soon we headed back to catch our bus into town. All pronounced the trip good and taking the bus excellent! Thanks to all my companions for making this a great day: members Brad Bennett, Jim Duncan, Chuck Eyers, Jim Floyd, Kathleen Floyd, Yuan Hopkins, Sam Houston, Barbara Morgan, Jim Pierce and Barb Revere, and nonmembers Sally Bennett and Bonnie Saur.

Ridgeline Trail

April 9, 2008

Leader: Jane Hackett

Photo: Jim Pierce

6 miles, 1,450 ft. (Moderate)

THE WELL MAINTAINED 1.5-MILE TRAIL from Blanton Road to Willamette at 52nd had the best display of trillium, calypso orchid, fawn lily, hound's



At recently constructed fences on Spencer Butte hike - from lt., Sally and Brad Bennett, Bill Rodgers, Ellie Weaver, Janet Jacobsen and Jane Hackett



The April 9th hike stops along the Ridgeline Trail where the March 29 Obsidian Trail Maintenance work party helped rebuild this section of trail. The April Bulletin had a photo of Jim Pierce and Peter Green dumping a wheelbarrow load of gravel here.

tongue, spring beauty and false Solomon's seal. The Lane County Youth Corps has just begun to gravel the 1.2-mile section from Willamette to the trail junction. The highlight of this section was the log framework that the Obsidians recently built in a mud sinkhole. The Youth Corps has already spread the gravel and it is now a dry oasis on the muddy trail. Jim also pointed out where his motorized wheelbarrow tipped off the trail and the gravel had to be re-shoveled. He received tons of sympathy.

Another 0.7 mile took us to the Fox Hollow parking lot where we stopped for lunch and brief moments of sun! Connie Pierce, first time hiker, helped us compose a six-word description of the trip: slippery mud borders wondrous trillium city. Alas, this description didn't do justice to the next section, the mucky 0.8 mile trail over to Dillard Road. It was an easy walk down Dillard Road to the Mt. Baldy parking lot and another 0.4 mile to the top of Baldy for the views. Then it started to rain and we quickly started down the trail to Spring Street. The steep trail was muddy, rutted and treacherous. Water flowed down the mountain bike ravines, and one was forced to straddle or try to stay upright on the slick slopes. The rain stopped just as we reached the two cars waiting for us at the trailhead. The wildflowers were the reward for our muddy shoes! Thanks to the drivers who made this car shuttle work so well. Jim Pierce offered his six-word trip report: copious calypsos, trillium treasures, slimy skiing. And another from Barb Revere: muddy boots, plastic bags, clean

car! Participants included co-leaders Jane Hackett and Janet Jacobsen, members Mary Morrison, Jim Pierce, Barb Revere, Bill Rogers, Ruth Romoser, Pat Soussan and nonmember Connie Pierce.

Sweet Creek/Beaver Creek

April 12, 2008

Leader: Carol Petty

5 miles, 650 ft. (Easy)

FABULOUS SPRING WEATHER highlighted our spectacular waterfall hike to Sweet Creek and Beaver Creek Falls on Saturday, April 12. Located outside of Mapleton in the Coast Range, we hiked five miles along three different trails on Sweet Creek. We enjoyed seeing Sweet Creek Falls from two viewpoints, as well as Beaver Creek Falls. The trail was adorned with dozens of lavender fawn lilies in fresh full bloom. We also enjoyed many other wildflowers such as johnny jump-ups, spring beauties, oxalis, trilliums, salmon berry, and candy flowers. Hikers included members Carol Petty, Dan Bates, Norma Lockyear, Sue Meyers, and nonmember Ernest Schwintzer.

Eugene Skinner Walk

April 13, 2008

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

4 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

THIS FAMILY HIKE was supposed to be a round trip from the Eugene Skinner sculpture at the Eugene Public Library to

Skinner Butte with a bit of art, history, and a heron's nest. The 1:00 time of departure was to be a lure for kids who wanted to sleep late. Jane Hackett's grandkids had a soccer game already on their schedule. With no other sign-ups, Jane Hackett and I switched gears at the Library. We took EMX to Springfield and walked back along the Willamette River and then through downtown back to the library and the Eugene Skinner sculpture. The actual hike took 1 1/2 hours.

Little North Santiam

April 17, 2008

Leader: Dan Christensen

9 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

WE BEGAN THIS DAY with a two-hour drive heading north on I-5, then east on the Santiam Highway, then north near Mehama into the Elkhorn Valley to the trailhead. The roads are paved all the way, except the last 1/4 mile across the river to the trailhead. The beautiful North Santiam River, my favorite river hike in the West Cascades, is the reason for making this drive. When the river is running high in the spring, it is the ideal time to be there. Opal Creek runs into the Little North Santiam a few miles further north, but I prefer this hike to the better known, and much more crowded, Opal Creek hike. Numerous waterfalls were in full force as we traveled under a thick canopy of old-growth forest of Douglas fir, hemlock and cedar. Very little sunlight penetrates the canopy, thus thick moss covers the trees, rocks and floor of the forest. Trilliums seemed to burst into life during our hike. The double falls cascading off of snow-covered Henline Mountain are especially beautiful. The river offers rapids, narrow canyons and beautiful green water pools. This would appear to be a very experienced kayaker's paradise, although I've never seen one on the river. Our group was fortunate to experience a cool but mostly sunny day for the hike. The hike requires one to climb up and over a ridge which bisects the middle of the trail. Otherwise it would be a flat hike with very little challenge at all. It is an 'in and out' hike with a nice picnic area at the trail's far end. Hiking time is about five hours, and elapsed time for the trip is around 10 hours. Members were Joan Abel, Dan Christensen, Paul Flashenberg, Dick Hildreth, Pat Hutchins and Sue Meyers; nonmembers Jennifer Canfield, Ernst Schwintzer, Lamonte Smith and Kathy Wilkowski.

Albany, Historic Downtown

April 20, 2008

Leader: Tyler Burgess

4 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

THE FIRST OBSIDIAN TRIP through three historic districts in Albany was led by Tyler Burgess. Walt Dolliver, Lou Maenz, Daniele Delaby, Barb Sutherland, Barbara Schomaker, Yuan Hopkins, and Norma Lockyear oohed and ahed at the charming and beautifully painted homes in the Monteith and Hackleman Districts. The Downtown District featured two wall murals, and several beautiful brick buildings from the 1880's, 1910's to today. Tyler gave the tour, stopping to point out the several architectural styles and read the history of some of the handsome homes. Despite waking up to snow on the ground and a forecast of rain, we had a dry walk with bursts of sunshine. (Thanks to Janet Jacobsen for typing the handwritten report.) Members: Tyler Burgess, Daniele Delaby, Walt Dolliver, Yuan Hopkins, Norma Lockyear, Lou Maenz, Barbara Schomaker and Barbara Sutherland.

Willow Creek to Gimpl Hill

April 23, 2008

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photo: Roy Barker

3 miles, 370 ft. (Easy)



JOHN WINQUIST GUIDED US on segments of the Ridgeline Trail from Willow Creek Road to Gimpl Hill Road. We walked on old roads and deer trails through forests, oaklands, poison oak, and blackberry bushes. The poison oak was mainly in one spot and quite low to the ground. John pointed out the city-owned segments, easements, and other

concerns that would impact the trail. He explained how the Ridgeline Trail and the Willow Creek Nature Conservancy Project are connected. It was a stop and go hike with John answering one question after another. We took a side trail up to Murray Hill for some views to the west. The brisk wind hurried our departure back down the hill and on to Gimpl Hill Road. It was a short 1/4 mile to John's home and his vehicle, in which he shuttled us back to our cars on Willow Creek Road. John has lived in the area for ten years and has developed relationships with the city, property owners, the Nature Conservancy, and other wetland resources. He has worked to clear trails where needed, and in fact, we couldn't have made the hike without his trail through the blackberry bushes. John's story of the Ridgeline Trail is one of cooperation and hard work. Roy Barker and his GPS provided the details of the trip: the one way hike was 2½ miles with an additional ¼ mile to John's house. The hike took 2 hours and 11 minutes that included 42 minutes when we weren't moving. It was 370 feet up Murray Hill. Thanks to John for the tour. John has offered to lead the hike again; don't miss it! Members: Joan Abel, Pat Hutchins, Janet and John Jacobsen; nonmembers: Roy Barker and John Winquist.

Silver Falls State Park

April 26, 2008

Leader: Scott Hovis

7 miles, 600 ft. (Moderate)

Photo: Ernst Schwintzer

DESPITE SILVER FALLS STATE PARK being the largest park in the Oregon system there is no sign on I-5 about where to exit. You just need to memorize exit #253 and turn right heading east. From here the signage is good! A couple of safety concerns are at Lower South Falls. Some of the metal hand railings are missing and some of the stepping stones in the steps are loose. Get there early. We arrived at 10:00am, with only about a dozen cars in the parking lot. When we left at 2:30pm there was a line of 15-20 cars waiting to buy their \$3 parking permit at the machine. Spring flowers appeared to be late a couple of weeks. Hiker's note: there is a bathroom at North Falls. No dogs are allowed in the canyon, but they are allowed on the rim trail, and I had the misfortune of having a little "weiner" dog bite me! Members: Joan Abel, Liz DeShetler, Yuan Hopkins, Scott Hovis, Corinne Hunt and Barb Revere;

nonmembers: Bob Beltz, Sabine Dutoit, Noreen Franz and Ernst Schwintzer.



At Silver Creek Falls

McDowell Creek Park

April 30, 2008

Leader: Barb Revere

4 miles, 600 ft. (Easy)

THIS TUCKED-AWAY LINN COUNTY PARK near Sweet Home was a delightful surprise for those who took a chance on the trip. Bill Sullivan calls this park a "miniature version of Silver Falls" and there are many similarities. We hiked the 1.7-mile loop and enjoyed the many woodland wildflowers of spring. It was all deep green ferny canyon, misty falls, mossy rocks and nicely constructed bridges and viewing platforms along the way. We shared the park with a scarcity of other people and one, maybe two, American dippers. The three falls were lovely. On the return leg we did litter patrol and collected a 15-gal. bagful and a bucketful. The steep rock staircase beside Royal Terrace Falls was enjoyed by all. Most of us were really glad for the railing! We ate a chilly lunch in a picnic area beside the creek and then went off to Cascadia State Park to get a little more hiking in. This park is known as "a beautiful rest stop" to many who hike in the Santiam corridor, but there are two hikes here of about 3/4-mile each: the steep climb up to Lower Soda Falls and a rolling trail along the Santiam River. There was one precarious and muddy log to cross on the way to the falls -- the sheriff's crew had been out to clear what looked like a big bunch of tree-falls and we passed them on the way in. The falls are multi-tiered in a twisting narrow rock chasm. They are beautiful, but require scrambling up the bank at the end of the trail to get a full view; however they are really lovely and well worth the climb. After that we looked again at the Sullivan pages about this park and, realizing the time, decided to do just part of the walk along the river. We opted to go down to the wading beach beside a lovely cascade

of the Santiam River. Some of us tried skipping rocks. The Jims won! The beach was a collection of most interesting and varied colored rocks -- all about 2"-3" size. Thanks to all my enthusiastic companions. (This hike was last led in 1985, by Paula Vehrs, as far as I can tell by searching online trip reports.) Members: Joan Abel, Myron Cook, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Mary Morrison, Jim Pierce, Margaret Prentice, Barb Revere and Bonnie Richman; nonmembers: Lamonte Smith.



Bike Trips

Orchard Point

April 12, 2008

Leader: Sharon Ritchie

30 miles, 50 ft. (Easy)



THE FIRST 70-DEGREE DAY this year, and wow! What a day for a bike ride! Twelve of us did a leisurely ride out the bike path through the West Eugene Wetlands. There was lots of water and many, many birds. The weather was warm, although the breeze was cool. We had a most delightful lunch at the lake, and afterwards half the group chose to continue on, adding an additional five miles to the trip. The remaining half chose to return with the leader. My thanks to Lyn Gilman-Garrick for leading the "second" ride. I think everyone had a good time. How could you not, on such a beautiful day? Congratulations to Bill Aspegren for completing his third trip toward membership. Members: Barb Bruns, Jim Duncan, Charles Durham, Paul Garrick, Lyn Gilman-Garrick, Stewart Hoeg, Richard Hughes, Lana Lindstrom, Darrell McBee, Dick Moffitt and Sharon Ritchie; nonmembers: Bill Aspegren.



Byways By Bus

Remembering Camp Adair

April 15, 2008

Leader: Mary Ellen West

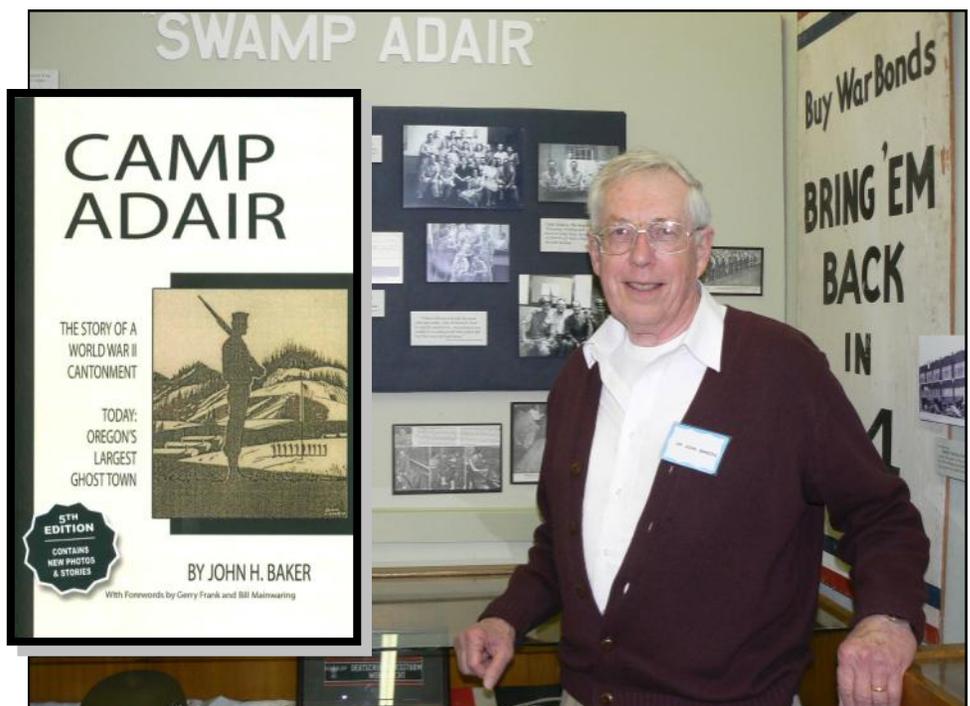
Photo: Janet Jacobsen

WE TRAVELED THE SCENIC PEORIA ROAD to Avery Park in Corvallis where we met four riders from Lincoln City, and Keith and Evelyn (Hile) Claycomb from Portland. It was a chilly morning for our coffee and goodies, served on the famous 100-foot-long one-piece picnic table. We left for the Benton County Museum in Philomath, where our guide, John Baker, introduced us to Camp Adair, with an excellent slide show and talk. Dr. Baker is the finest authority on this WWII Cantonment, and several of us bought his book, now in its fifth printing.

We went next to the exceptionally nice Polk County Museum in Rickreall, where during our lunch hour Pat Smith related how the establishment of the camp forced many families to relocate. Also, 90-year-old John Pfaff remembered his experiences as did our Keith Claycomb, who helped in the construction, and after the war was an Army officer present during the dismantling. We then

went south on 99-W for a drive through the remnants of Camp Swampy, as the G.I.'s renamed the place. Only a few foundations are visible: the centerpiece is the Memorial Garden dedicated to the four infantry divisions which trained here. A recruit from Eugene, Bob Schmieding, kept a diary of his basic training, and excerpts of his story were distributed. It was quite a rigorous experience for an 18-year-old, who later served in the 91st Division in Italy. Then on to the Museum in Albany, a favorite town for the soldiers on pass. All three museums contain excellent memorabilia, and the videos in Albany were very good. We then went back to Philomath to say farewell to our excellent guide, John Baker, who earned our appreciation and applause.

Finally, using back roads, we went to Hazelnut Hill for ice cream and more, and where owner Sally Hilles related the cycle of hazelnut from nursery seedling to the delicious candy treats. Sally, the fifth generation on this site, and her husband Rob have developed a remarkable business and we wish them continued success. Our new driver, Bob Brown, was excellent, and once again, our thanks to leader Mary Ellen West for planning a great trip. Members: Ethel Allen, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Louise Behnke, MaryLee Cheadle, Barbara Chinn, Evelyn Claycomb, Keith Claycomb, Judy Dobell, Bob Eaton, Rose Mary Etter,



John Baker, author of "Camp Adair" (see book inset), at museum in Albany. Camp Adair had the nickname of Swamp Adair because of mud, rain, poison oak, etc.

Rachele Fiszman, Barbara Flanders, Dennis Flanders, Donna Halker, Marc Hansen, Janet Jacobsen, Ben Jeffries, Ray Jensen, John McManigal, Lenore McManigal, Barbara Payne, Don Payne, Liz Reanier, Edith Rode, MaryEllen West and Vera Wooley; nonmembers: John Baker, Susan Frasier, Paul Jensen, Carolyn Rayborn, Barbara Sheldon, Viola Stults, Ellen Zimmerman and Kenneth Zimmerman.

Newly Discovered

Cottage Grove

March 27, 2008

Leader: MaryEllen West

WE HAD PLANNED THAT THIS FIRST BUS TRIP in 2008 in the local area would be on a nice spring day, but it turned out to be on a cold wintry morning that we departed Shopko to view some bird life around the Fern Ridge Wildlife reservoir. Afterwards we stopped in at Our Daily Bread in Veneta for delicious pastry and coffee. Warmed and refreshed, we went south on the Territorial Road through Lorane, now enjoying sunshine and fresh snow on the forest trees. At the Village Green, Cindee Eichengreen, Director of Gardens, led us on a tour of the gardens surrounding this renovated resort. Here there are actually thousands of plant species. It is a work in progress toward becoming a magnificent showplace.

Following an excellent buffet lunch, Lexie Simpson, in pioneer costume, joined us for a guided tour of her hometown. We saw two covered bridges, historic homes and churches, the new hospital, and the new high school complex; the highlights were the close-up inspections of the many murals. At the Chambers Bridge, Lexie, in a moment of nostalgia, confessed this was the site of her first kiss. Hmmm! Other stops included the relocated Gold Mining Museum, which shares space with the local Historical Society. Several volunteers, also in pioneer attire, described the displays and were most helpful. We visited the Senior Community Center, a very nice facility, and finished our tour with the Territorial Seed Co., where many seeds are grown, packaged and distributed world-wide. We learned how the Bohemia Mining Country impacted this community. Civic spirit has blended these historic roots into a modern progressive town.

Thanks to Janet Speelman for handling the sign-ups, and thanks to veteran driver John Bunker, who handled the

long bus in narrow streets, and returned at 5pm sharp. Special thanks and appreciation to MaryEllen West, who arranged another great trip. Participating were members Ethel Allen, Don Baldwin, Ewert Baldwin, Neil Baldwin, Rosemary Baldwin, Pat Bayles, Louise Behnke, Joyce Brooker, Barbara Chinn, Rachele Fiszman, Donna Halker, Dora Harris, Ray Jensen, Rosella Jones, John McManigal, Lenore McManigal, Barbara Payne, Don Payne, Virginia Prouty, Liz Reanier, Nola Shurtleff, Julia Snell, Janet Speelman, MaryEllen West, Christy White and Vera Woolley; and nonmembers Alice Anderson, Robert Hart, Carolyn Rayborn and Viola Stults.

North Umpqua River Steamboat Inn

April 22, 2008

Leader & Photo: Verna Kocken



Steamboat Inn

A BUSLOAD OF 38 OBSIDIANS AND GUESTS left the Shopko parking lot for the North Umpqua Highway. We took a tour through the town of Wilbur and drove south to look at the Umpqua Community College campus and surrounding homes set above a loop of the North Umpqua River. We traveled the North Bank Road to the Colliding Rivers at Glide. At this unique view point, Little River flows head-on into the North Umpqua River. The group then went on to the Susan Creek Campgrounds. By then the rain had set in, but an intrepid group of hikers went on the .8 mile hike into the falls. We were charmed by the wildflowers dripping rain along the way.

Lunch was catered at the historic Steamboat Inn. The North Umpqua trip let us visit some of the 33 miles of clear waters and fly fishing-only area. The bus took us on a few side roads, including the old section of Highway 99 between Sutherlin and Oakland and back out to I-5, and home. Those participating were as follows: members Ethel Allen, Don Baldwin, Ewert Baldwin, Barbara Beard, Paul

Beard, Louise Behnke, Pat Bitner, Mary Lee Cheadle, Sharon Cutsworth, Rose Marie Etter, Rachele Fiszman, Barbara Flanders, Dennis Flanders, Bea Fontana, Jeanette Forsman, Bette Hack, Marc Hansen, Dora Harris, Ben Jeffries, Pat Jeffries, Rosella Jones, Verna Kocken, Darlene Mancuso, John McManigal, Lenore McManigal, Cleora Mersdorf, Natalie Newlove, Barbara Payne, Don Payne, Virginia Prouty, Liz Reanier, Edith Rode, Julia Snell, Dick Speelman, Janet Speelman and Virginia Vincent; and nonmembers Alice Anderson and Viola Stults.



SciEd
Tuesday

Himalayan Arc In Review

April 15, 2008

Review By Joella Ewing

BRUCE KLEPINGER, owner of IBEX Expeditions, took 45 of us on a visual exploration of the Himalayan Arc for the April SciEd Tuesday program. Projecting an "album" of lovely photos collected over four decades of treks he's led in that area, Bruce provided insights into the tangible and visceral connections one develops to the land, the people and the interaction between them.

Bruce hopscothed us across and through these mountains "that have separated Asia proper from the Indian subcontinent and has been a formidable physical barrier separating the cultures of each." Bruce explained that the Himalayas have been a barrier to conflict and have also been a source of conflict. He commented that, "Yet, at the same time, the landforms and the multitude of valleys spaced along the extent of the Himalayan Arc have provided refuge for a vast number of unique cultures, varying widely from one to the next."

Our vicarious exploration traced ancient trade routes that cut across the great barriers and let us witness how the exchange has transformed some places. We glimpsed Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Sikhs, Jains, Christians and many others in areas such as Afghanistan, Burma, Yunnan and Sichuan. It was obvious from Bruce's presentation that the Himalayas still play a critical role in Asia.

Our very own Norm Benton provided a surprise ending by handing over a slide he had taken about 30 years ago depicting a much younger Bruce Klepinger on an expedition Norm attended. So, at least one Obsidian has gone on an IBEX Expedition. Any more ready to pack their bags and trek the Himalayas? Bruce can be reached at 345-1289, Email: info@trekibex.com or Web: www.trekibex.com.



Potluck

Bicycling in Japan
April 25, 2008
Review by LaRee Beckley

RUTHY KANAGY'S position as Travel System Consultant for

Bike Friday is a perfect companion to her other occupation of leading bicycle tours throughout Japan, a country she knows well, as she was born there after her parents moved there as missionaries after WWII.

Japan is diverse in its scenery and architecture, and also boasts of a wonderful transportation system. In Japan, almost everyone has a bike. They are particularly popular in the big cities, and are the quickest and most efficient way to get around. School children ride them to school, shoppers get from store to store on them, and policemen use them to do their job.

Ruthy begins her tours in Hokkaido, which has a climate and terrain similar to what we have here in the Northwest—without the summer heat or a prolonged rainy season. It boasts a windy coastline, volcanoes, hot springs, and four caldera lakes.

After a day of traveling by bicycle,

Ruthy's tour group spends their nights in one of Japan's beautiful inns. The word for hot springs in Japanese is "Onsen," and every inn has at least one. A cleansing bath is mandatory before entering these hot springs, but wearing clothes is not.

Two meals are provided with each night's stay, and the food is healthy, with fish and vegetables being the main dishes. Ruthy's tours also travel to Tokyo, Mt Fuji, Kyoto, and Nara, the first capital of Japan.

Ruthy spoke highly of the versatility of her Bike Friday, and gave a demonstration of how quickly and easily it can be folded and stored in a concealing bag. Her 2008 tour to Japan is full, but if you are interested in finding out about owning a Bike Friday or any of her future tours, you can contact her at ruthyk@bikefriday.com

UPCOMING



Upcoming Bus Trips

SPECTACULAR ROGUE VALLEY, MEDFORD AND RIVERS HEADWATERS

Date: June 23-25 Leader: Ben Jeffries
 Cost: \$ 309 members, \$315 non-members
 Checks and Reservations to: Mary Lea Cheadle 689-1085

VISIT APPLGATE MUSEUM, then enjoy the jet boat from Grants Pass through Hellsgate. Then have an outstanding dinner, high above the river, at the OK Corral.

On day two visit the Medford area, tour Harry and David's baking building, chocolate production, fruit packing and company store. Lunch is in Roxy Ann Winery's gardens, with wine tasting and visit their historical buildings. On to Dogs for the Deaf, which is the world's largest and oldest "hearing dog center". We will see training demonstrations, dogs and care facilities, and will then visit the recently expanded Crater Rock Museum, one of the Northwest's finest collections, which has sales items.

For day three we travel up into the mountains, stopping at Rogue River viewpoints and on to the headwaters of both

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the Rogue and the Umpqua. Lunch at Lemolo Resort. Site visits, boat, day one dinner, day three lunch and motels included in the fee. For reservations call, ASAP Mary Lee Cheadle - 689-1085. Need more information? Call Ben Jeffries 683-8403.

TILLMOOK FOREST CENTER

Date - Thursday May 29, 2008 Leader: Ray Jensen
 Cost: \$39 members - \$41 - non-members
 Checks and Reservations to: Verna Kocken 736-5180

MASSIVE FOREST FIRES, beginning in 1933, devastated northwest Oregon. Public and private agencies, plus many volunteers, all contributed to the restoration of the Tillamook Burn. The new Tillamook Forest Center, located on the Wilson River, is a unique complex that celebrates the success of these reforestation efforts. There is a lot to see and do here - equipment, fire tower, a steam donkey, artifacts, videos, trails and more. Bring your sack lunch - we can eat under cover. Jim Reeher, a descendent of pioneers who settled near the Center in 1889, will present a slide program on homesteading.

Want to Learn About Oak Savannas?

By Janet Jacobsen
Photo by John Jacobsen

DAVE PREDEEK and Friends of Buford Park (FBP) are leading an oak restoration hike for Obsidians on Monday, May 19 at 8:00 at Mt. Pisgah. The 20-acre area on Mt. Pisgah that is being considered for oak restoration treatment is close to the top of Mt. Pisgah along the main trail.

Since he became a member of FBP in 1967 Dave has been a long time advocate of protecting the oak savannas. For the last 11 years on Monday mornings, he has led a group of volunteers, some of them Obsidians, to tear out invasive plants. Dave said, "Our group is now referred to as the MMR's or Monday Morning Regulars." Dave is also working with John Jacobsen, Lodge Grounds Chair, and other Obsidians, to develop a plan to protect the oak savanna at the lodge.

Dave said, "The range of the Oregon white oak, *Quercus garryana*, extends from the eastern side of Vancouver Island all the way south to Los Angeles. In British Columbia they have launched quite an effort to save white oak and its habitat."

REASONS WHY OREGON white oak savannah has become so endangered:



Oak Savannah at Mt. Pisgah

1. It needs fire to maintain itself and to eliminate competition, especially with conifers.
2. It grows in dry sunny areas that are considered desirable for building homes and for development.
3. The grassy fields and meadows are considered desirable for grazing cattle, resulting in a decline of native grassland and prairie species."

Information about oak woodlands and savannas on the City of Eugene's website (www.EugeneNR.org) is helpful in learning more about the historical background and habitat diversity concerns. As the web site says, "Oak woodland and oak savanna habitats were prominent in the southern Willamette Valley for thousands of years prior to the arrival of Euro-American settlers. These habitats were main-

tained by frequent, low intensity fires, many of which were deliberately set by native people to enhance the availability of food. Oak savannas are characterized by broad-crowned Oregon white oaks growing widely spaced within open meadow-like habitats. Oak woodlands are characterized by taller, narrow-crowned Oregon white oak and California black oak growing more closely together."

Studies have shown that more than 200 species of birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians, including several rare species, use oak habitats. Because these oak habitats were maintained by fires, and because fires have been suppressed in the past 100 or so years, other tree species that are not fire-resistant, such as Douglas fir, are able to outgrow and shade out the historic oaks. As these stands of oaks disappear, the species that depend on them are also threatened. In order to preserve and restore the remaining oak habitats, the encroachment of Douglas fir and other trees must be managed.

Join Dave's hike on May 19th and find out more. Sign up at the Y. Talk with Dave at the May 16th potluck or call him at 345-5531

The Type A Personality & Summer Camp

The "Type A" personality may not seem like a good fit with the relaxing nature of Summer Camp at first, but when you consider there are only two decisions to make each day (what sandwich to make and where to hike... actually there is a third - what T-shirt to wear), it really doesn't present that big a problem to plan ahead and have your week all mapped out. A well respected Obsidian "Type A'er" has finished with their planning and has graciously allowed us to share their detailed schedule with you. Here goes:

PreTrip: Motel in Stanley to soak up the atmosphere. Check out Redfish Lake Lodge for views, food, and details for boating. Get maps at Forest Service. Swinging place for dinner.

Saturday: Breakfast at Stanley Baking Co. that touts "Real Food in a Real Mountain Town." Pick up ice, beverages. On way to camp, visit gold dredge and ghost towns. Set up tent, read book, get acquainted with new campers. Post signup.

Sunday: Get up early for a good cup of coffee. Green Obsidian T-shirt. Pack sandwich - Tuna!. Sawtooth Lake.

Monday: Get up early for coffee. Gray Obsidian T-Shirt. Turkey! Climb Mt. Borah. Sunbeam Hot Springs on way back to camp. Volunteer to be in Janet's play at campfire.

Tuesday: Get up early for coffee. Ham! Yellow Obsidian T-Shirt. Redfish Lake boat/hike.

Wednesday: Get up early for coffee. Tuna! Goat Lake. Buy new Obsidian T-shirt from concessions.

Thursday: Forget coffee. PB&J, Raft Trip. New t-shirt.

Friday: Alice Lake. Prepare President's gift. President's Tea.

Saturday: Get up early for coffee. Take down tent. Help committee take down camp. Load up gear. Go home.

That's it - your whole week planned out for you. So if you aren't signed up yet, you better get going.

Maybe You Should Try One of These!

Be sure to check online for schedule changes - the snow is persisting at relatively low elevations this spring.

Sat. May 17 – Trials Country – Hike&bike, easy. Leaders Anne McCas and Jim Gillette take you on this never-before-led trip south of town. This privately owned property aspires to 'park-hood', complete with trails for hiking or mountain biking. Jim leads the mountain bikers and Anne the hikers for a fun-filled day out, close to home at a new-to-Obsidians destination.

Sun. May 18 – Fish Lake – Kayak, easy. Fish Lake is dry in the summer and that is the way most of us think of it. This trip takes advantage of relative high water in spring to explore the many inlets of the little part-time lake that gives birth to the mighty McKenzie River. Ellen Sather leads this one-of-a-kind trip and expects the outing will be about 2 miles of easy paddling. Provide your own kayak and personal flotation device.

Sat., May 24 -- Rooster Rock – The rocky spires around Rooster Rock were all given animal names, hence, the Menagerie Wilderness, of which it is part. Reached via the Santiam Highway, Rooster Rock is a steep climb through forest with a lovely pay-off at the top. Laurie Funkhouser leads this hike. Also led by John Pegg, on June 1st.

Sun., May 25 -- Fern Ridge Reservoir –Bike&Bird, moderate. Ride out to the end of Royal Ave. from your starting point in town and then walk along the pond containments to view many species of birds. Bring snack, water, bird guide and binoculars. Janet Hall leads this 20-miler with very little elevation change.

Mon., May 26 –Masonic Cemetery/Obsidian Lodge – Hike/historical, easy. This in-town four-miler is a lovely walk in the South Eugene and University area. Janet has many facts to impart about the early town settlers. This trip coincides with the cemetery's annual open house so there will be lots to spark your interest.

Wed., May 28 – Larison Creek – Hike, moderate. This is a quintessential Pacific Northwest rainforest trip. You'll walk through a world carpeted, papered and roofed in Mother Nature's brightest green. The trail hugs the creek as it climbs gently, with woodland wildflowers lining either side. You'll turn around and retrace your steps at the single log bridge to finish this lovely trip. Margaret Prentice leads.

Sat., May 31 – Old Baldy – Hike, moderate. This hike is in the Coburg Hills north of Springfield. It's a unique trip to a beautiful place, with fabulous views of Eugene-Springfield and the southern Willamette Valley. Some stretches of the trail are very steep and there are parts that are exposed to drop-offs. The trail is a loop, so be certain that you are fit enough and capable enough for the full six miles and 1500ft. Entirely on private land, this hike is led only once a year. For this reason, leader Gary Kirk asks that if you've gone on this trip before, please, let others have a chance. Canceling, up to the day before, is okay, but neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor hailstones, nor anything, shall be a worthy excuse for being a "no show"! We mean it!

Sun., Jun. 1 - Eula Ridge – Hike, difficult. Led by Rich Romm, at nine miles and 3300ft.elevation change, this is one of the harder trips on the 2008 hiking schedule – a real workout. The area is not far from home and sits in a mini-wilderness of beautiful un-logged forest, with great views, in a varied landscape. On a clear day, you can see to Mt. Hood, to Diamond Peak, across the Willamette Valley and into the Coast Range -- all making the climb worth it.

Wed., Jun. 4 –Mt. Tom Loop – Hike, moderate. Join Carolyn and Cork Higgins for their third annual hike to Mt. Tom, one of the highest summits in the Coburg Hills. The trail follows old logging roads and game trails as it wanders in a five-mile loop, climbing 1,000 ft. This hike is on private land and is close in to town. Waterproof boots are recommended as well as long pants to guard against poison oak.

Sat., Jun. 7 –Washburne & China Creek – Hike, easy. This hike has something for every Oregon Coast addict: sandy beach, tide pools, steep little rabbit trail carved out of salal thicket, forested valley, complete with beaver dam, fungi and wildflowers. Led by Marshall Kandell, the trip is usually topped off with ice cream at BJ's, so bring along a little extra cash.

Sun., Jun. 8 –Brice Creek and Trestle Falls – Hike, moderate. Water is roaring in the creek beds this time of year and relatively close-in Brice Creek is one of the prettiest around. Ferns and mosses carpet the forests, lacy falls splash over the black rocky creek-sides, making for many photo-ops. In addition, you'll side trip to the beautiful Trestle Creek area, to view its two falls. The trail winds under and behind the falls and weeping rocks, so be sure to have protection for camera and self. Chrissy Anderson leads this trip of eight miles and 1000ft. of gain. Brice and Trestle Creeks are great hikes to know: they are spectacular, open most of the year, are close to town and have multiple entry points, accommodating shorter or longer outings.

Sat., Jun. 14 – Tire Mountain – Hike, moderate. Leader Allan Coons says the meadows on this trip are the best for wildflowers in the Cascades. Your route switchbacks and spirals up the mountain, through tall forest and steep meadows, confetti-ed with pink, purple, yellow, white and red. The grade is gentle and views of surrounding mountains pop up at each turn. At seven miles and 800 feet, this trip is not to be missed!

Same Day (Jun. 14) – The Cottage – Bike, moderate. You'll ride from Pleasant Hill to Cottage Grove on sleepy back roads -- with a sweet little bike path thrown in as a bonus near the Cottage Restaurant. The scrumptious food is portioned for hungry people and the service is friendly, too. At 42 miles and little elevation change, it'll be a shame if you miss this trip led by Sharon Ritchie.

Extended Trips:

Lassen Volcanic National Park

AUGUST 20-24 (Wednesday to Sunday) is the perfect time to visit the treasures of the southern Cascades.

We will be camping (tent or van) at a group campsite inside Lassen Volcanic National Park for four nights. The group will collectively cook three dinners, but breakfasts and lunches are on your own. For more information, call Jim Pierce at 344-1775.

How do I summarize a trip with so much to see and do? Explore the second largest geothermal area in the 48 states... complete with hot springs, pools and mud pots. Climb the easiest Cascade volcano to 10,457 feet... like hiking two Pissgahs... at elevation. Hike

up a 600-foot cinder cone formed only 350 years ago. Walk along the Nobles Emigrant Trail, like the pioneers. Visit a

“hot boulder,” bigger than a car, blasted from Lassen Peak during the 1915 eruption. Be mesmerized by wild flowers, alpine meadows, forests and fascinating rock formations. There are waterfalls and fishing. There is even a museum of the Old West.

Reserve your place on this adventure soon... before July 15. Make out your check to Obsidians for \$70 (\$80 non-member). Send your check to Leader Jim Pierce; 1775 Cameo Drive; Eugene, OR 97405. There will be a



pre-trip meeting August 6 at 7 PM at Jim's home.

SciEd - Looking Ahead

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR now about these upcoming SciEd Tuesday programs, because the *Bulletin* may not arrive prior to the program some months.

June 17 - Adam Mims, facilities director of the Opal Creek Ancient Forest Center near Salem, will show slides of hiking in the Opal Creek Wilderness, which is known for its magnificent old growth forest and crystal clear water.

September 16 - The Conservation and SciEd Committees have teamed up to present a program on fire ecology and the Rogue Valley, followed by a hike in the Warner Creek burn area near Oakridge on September 20. A Cascadia Wildlands Project staff member will present the program and act as the hike resource person.

October 21 - Join photographer James Johnston for a multimedia presentation that explores the wild heart of the Oregon Coast Range in its largest and most remote roadless area, Wassen Creek.

Bulletin Classifieds

KITTENS ANYONE?



SOON TO BE LOOKING for loving homes, four kittens - orange (male), tortoise (female), black & white (male), light gray (female). Mamma has taken great care to produce adorable pets. Contact Laurie 206-2303.

FOR SALE

MAN'S RALEIGH BICYCLE - Model C40. In excellent condition. \$200. Call Margaret 687-5850

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FREE DOWN - make your own sleeping bag or jacket with down you reclaim from two sleeping bags and two pillows. Jack or Joella 344-9197.

SCIED WANTS YOU!

MAYBE YOU'VE BEEN DYING for someone to ask you to present a program before an Obsidian audience, but perhaps we don't know what you have to offer. We'd like for as many as possible of our SciEd Tuesday programs to be presented by members.

If you have slides of a trip you found especially interesting, chances are it will also be interesting to the rest of us. Or, if you know of someone who can put together a program you think we would all enjoy, please bug them, then call Joella at 344-9197 or joella24@juno.com

OBSIDIAN GOODIES

T-SHIRTS, CAPS, DECALS, sweat-shirts, cups, tumblers - all with the Obsidian logo - various colors. Great stuff. Contact: Kathleen Floyd 654-0087 or jmkmfloyd@comcast.net

Note: There is no charge for placement Obsidian Bulletin Classified ads; however, only members can place ads and preference will be given to ads that relate to the club's mission and our members' outdoor activity interests.

AT THE LODGE



POTLUCK

Friday, May 16:

Note Early Date

Backpacking North of the Arctic Circle

WANDER ON THE GAME TRAILS of caribou through the Brooks Range, north of the Arctic Circle, on a backpacking trip with member Dave Predeek. After completing three one-week backpack trips with ABEC's Alaska Adventures in the Brooks Range within three years, Dave will be sharing its landscape, winding rivers, bogs, flora and wildlife. Enjoy the trip with Dave, *without* the self-contained 50 pound backpack.

**Friday, May 16, 2008 Obsidian Lodge
Potluck, 6:30 p.m. Program, 7:30 p.m.**

Bring your favorite potluck dish to share...along with your own plates, utensils and cups...plus \$1 to help cover club expenses. Please consider carpooling.



SciEd Tuesday, May 20:

The Nature Conservancy

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY'S *Work: From Global to Local* is the topic of the May 20 SciEd Tuesday program at 7 P.M. at the Lodge. Charlie Quinn, Associate Director of Development for the Nature Conservancy at Eugene's Willow Creek Preserve branch office, will use slides to bring us up to speed on the Nature Conservancy, its mission, and some of its work in 36 countries around the world, concentrating on projects in Lane County.

He will update us on ongoing work at the Willow Creek Natural Area, which covers over 500 acres. He will show how restoration of an old hay field, restoration of the confluence of the two tributaries of Willow Creek south of Wal-Mart, and work with neighboring land owners to do oak woodland restoration in the upper watershed are reclaiming the area to its former natural state.

Jean Jancaitis, the Conservancy's Willamette Valley Land Steward, will give us an in-depth look at one of their newest and closest projects, the Coburg

Ridge Preserve. This property is owned by John and Robin Jaqua but managed by the Nature Conservancy through a conservation easement. A crown jewel in the northern view shed of both Eugene and Springfield, the 1244-acre property covers a mile-wide swath that runs from McKenzie View Drive to the top of Mt. Baldy. Protected among its oak woodlands, prairies and coniferous forests are sensitive species, including the endangered Fender's blue butterfly and its caterpillar's food plant, Kincaid's Lupine. It also contains some of the few large tracts of oak and prairie remaining in the Willamette Valley.

Charlie is willing to arrange a Conservancy led hike for Obsidians in the Coburg Ridge Preserve later this year.

Charlie and Jean will touch on their negotiations on behalf of Lane County with the Wildish Company to try to transfer Wildish property at Mt. Pisgah into public ownership.

Charlie says he was incubated like a sea turtle in the sands of Hawaii and

grew up in California, Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong and Oregon. He designed his own major in Human & Conservation Ecology at Stanford. Since 1995 Charlie has been leading trips and raising funds for The Nature Conservancy. Charlie is Stanford's Sierra Camp's longest-serving naturalist and wrote *A Nature Guide to the Southwest Tahoe Basin* (Crane Dance Publications, 2006). He lives in Eugene with his "rock star" wife, Dana Abel (of Misty River) and his two children.

Jean earned her undergraduate degree in biology from the College of William and Mary and her Masters in Environmental Studies from the UO. Her prior experience includes work as a plant ecologist for federal and local government agencies. She has worked for the Nature Conservancy for over five years and currently manages the Coburg Ridge Program, restoring prairie and oak habitats along the 20-mile long ridge.

Wilderness First Aid Class May 15



ATTENTION LEADERS AND INTERESTED OTHERS

THE SAFETY COMMITTEE is pleased to announce our annual *first aid class to be held Thursday, May 15th at the lodge from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.* Those of you who attended first aid training last year will remember Jeremy Adolf, the emergency medical technician (EMT) and Eugene Mountain Rescue (EMR) member who was our instructor. We are fortunate to have Jeremy instructing us again. He will be joined by Laurie Monico (also EMT and EMR). I look forward to a very interesting and informative evening learning about out-door oriented first aid techniques from these two experienced medical responders.

Jeremy tells me they will cover - scene evaluation, patient approach and assessment, basic care, improvising, and first aid kits. That sounds like a lot of useful information to me. I think I'll bring a notepad! With luck we may even have time for a bit of question and answer as well.

I would encourage all our trip leaders, and anyone else with an interest in brushing up on your first aid, to consider joining us. See you there. - *Doug Nelson, Safety Chair*

Lodge Work Party May 24

MOTHER NATURE NEVER RESTS! It's time to once again beat back the weeds, spiders, plus other critters and elements of nature that want to take over the Obsidians' Lodge. Please join us for a 3-hour work party on Saturday, May 24 to clean up the Lodge building and grounds.

If you like to work outdoors, please bring your favorite tools. Much needs to be done, including weeding, mowing, sprucing up the parking area, and cleaning the Lodge roof, gutters, and outbuildings. Inside the Lodge, we can use your help with the usual dusting, sweeping, and cleaning of the woodwork, appliances, restrooms, and kitchen. Cleaning equipment and supplies will be provided. For those of you with a talent for home repairs, we have chores such as wall heater maintenance and replacement of caulking around the restroom sinks.

You will be amply rewarded with a sense of accomplishment and camaraderie! If that were not enough, refreshments will be served and there will be a raffle for such coveted items as a solar camp shower and a copy of the mountaineering book *Mountains of the Mind* by Robert Macfarlane. *Brian Hamilton - Lodge Chair*

Closed Again

THE WEST END OF HWY. 242 will not be open much before Labor Day according to ODOT public affairs spokesman, Joe Harwood. He notes, "Crews will replace the first bridge beginning in May. Once that bridge is demolished and rebuilt, the contractor will go to the second bridge and begin work." - *McKenzie River Reflections, April 10, 2008*

Obsidian Calendar

May

15 Thu	- Briggs Hill Wineries, Bike, M, L.Dunlap.....	686-6745
15 Thu	- Wilderness First Aid Class, D.Nelson	736-6076
16 Fri	- Backpacking the Arctic Circle—Predeek,.....	Potluck
17 Sat	- Fall Creek, 5.8m 200' M, M.Welches	345-2056
17 Sat	- Trials Country, Hike/Bike, M, McLucas	485-5608
18 Sun	- Fish Lake, Kayak 2m E, E.Sather	822-0311
19 Mon	- Pisgah Oak Restoration, E, D.Predeek	345-5531
20 Tue	- Nature Conservancy Projects—Quinn	SciEd Tues
24 Sat	- Baldy, 3m 400' E, R.Sundt.....	485-1420
24 Sat	- Rooster Rock, 6.6m 2300' M, L.Funkhouser.....	206-2303
24-25 Sat-Sun	- Smith Rock, Sport Rock Climb, Nelson	736-6076
25 Sun	- Fernridge, Bird/Bike 20m E, J.Hall	342-6779
26 Mon	- Masonic Cemetery, 4m E, J.Jacobsen	343-8030
28 Wed	- Larison Creek, 6m 200' E, M.Prentice	687-5850
29 Thu	- Tillamook Burn, Bus, V.Kocken.....	736-5180
31 Sat	- Diamond Peak, Climb, L.Huff.....	868-5391
31 Sat	- Larison Rock, 9.4m 1400' M, B.Revere.....	726-4989
31 Sat	- Old Baldy/Coburg Hills, 6m 1500' M, G.Kirk..	683-7033
31 Sat	- Ridgeline Trail, Trail Maintenance, P.Green	510-1151

June

1 Sun	- Eula Ridge, 9m 3300' D, R.Romm	484-5214
1 Sun	- Rooster Rock, 6.6m 2300' M, J.Pegg.....	343-0909
4-6 Wed-Fri	- Columbia Gorge, L.Lindstrom.....	683-1409
4 Wed	- Mt. Tom Loop, 5.4m 1000' M, Higgins.....	995-8060
7-8 Sat-Sun	- Middle Sister, Climb, W.Deeter	942-0824
7 Sat	- Mt. Thielsen, Climb, L.Huff.....	868-5391
7-8 Sat-Sun	- South Sister, Climb/X-Ski, D.Carver.....	343-0909
7 Sat	- Washburne & China Creek Loops, E, Kandell	345-8095
8 Sun	- Brice Creek, 8m 1000' M, C.Anderson	946-1732
8 Sun	- McKenzie View, Bike 30m 500' M, J.Hall.....	342-6779
12 Thu	- Clear Lake, 5.5m 200' E, M.Kandell.....	345-8095
14 Sat	- Clear Lake, 5m 200' E, J.Barnes.....	895-3704
14 Sat	- The Cottage, Bike 42m M, S.Ritchie	342-8435
14 Sat	- Tire Mountain, 7.6m 800' M, A.Coons.....	687-9741

Camp Hamilton - Summer Camp 2008:

Slots Still Available

REGISTRATION IS open for Camp Hamilton and available slots are filling up for both weeks (July 19-26 and July 26-Aug 2). Don't miss this opportunity for phenomenal hiking in a beautiful area and camping with this congenial group.

If driving or the cost of fuel is an issue with you, why not consider sharing a ride. If gear hauling is a problem, the set-up crew will transport some gear for cars that are taking extra passengers in the big truck.. Let Sharon Ritchie know if you would like a passenger(s) or if you need a ride.

A registration form and instructions was provided as an insert to the March Obsidian Bulletin and is also available online along with a lot of additional information at:

http://www.obsidians.org/com_summertimecamp

Contact John Jacobsen johnwjacobsen@comcast.net 343-8030 or Sharon Ritchie trehugr@comcast.net 342-8435 with questions or for more information.

Non-members are welcome.



Lower South Falls, Silver Falls State Park—Photo by Barb Revere - See trip report Page 11.



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